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ing the National Government to take charge of the situation immediately. It will not be a difficult matter to stamp out the disease within sixty or ninety days during the warm weather.

I believe that there are 2 distinctive eruptive diseases which prevail in this State; certainly, I have found 1 in Savannah resembling smallpox at first glance, but easily differentiated from smallpox by absence of prodromal symptoms, character of eruption, several successive crops developing, no vesicles, and no pustules, and no pitting; no constitutional effects.

Very respectfully,

W. F. BRUNNER, M. D.,
Health Officer.

OREGON.

Report from Columbia River Quarantine.

COLUMBIA RIVER QUARANTINE STATION,
Astoria, Oreg., July 3, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the bill of health of the steamship *Lennox*, just arrived from Hongkong, states that for the two weeks ended June 3, there were 204 deaths from bubonic plague at that port. The baggage of the immigrants and the steerage compartments were disinfected, as directed by the Bureau.

Very respectfully,

HILL HASTINGS,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

WASHINGTON.

Almira.—Smallpox is reported prevalent in the town of Almira. July 3 there were 9 cases out of a total population of 150 people. All mail leaving the town is being fumigated.

[Telegram.]

SEATTLE, July 19, 1899.

Seaman with variola seen at office to-day; turned over to city health officer; sent to pesthouse; office fumigated. History doubtful, but was probably contracted here. I have offered shipping agents to vaccinate seamen.—LUMSDEN.

PORTO RICO.

Sanitary report from Ponce.

PONCE, PORTO RICO, July 3, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith the weekly quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended July 1.

During the week nothing of interest has happened among the shipping, and the general health of the city and port shows little change.

I inclose the mortality report for the two weeks ended July 1; and I give below a summary of the mortality reports for the month of June, together with a summary of the transactions of the Service at this port for the same period. Total number of deaths for the four weeks ended July 1, 168; births, 91. Total deaths for June 1898, 211; births, 42. These are the figures as shown by the official records.

Number of vessels boarded at this station during June, 25. For June 1898 the records show a total of 20. Number of bills of health issued during the month, 32; June 1898, 20.